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EVENT: Sentenced

Defendant: Timothy Pierre Clark et al

METRO DETROIT IDENTITY THEFT RING DISMANTLED

Two Detroit men, leaders of a \$1.7 million identity fraud scheme, were sentenced on February 27, 2006 to federal prison, United States Attorney Stephen J. Murphy announced today.

Timothy Pierre Clark was sentenced to 110 months incarceration, and Richard Burley was sentenced to 92 months incarceration by U.S. District Judge George Caram Steeh.

Both men pleaded guilty in September, 2005 to bank fraud and conspiracy to commit bank fraud. The fraud scheme involved stealing checks from a financial institution, which were later counterfeited and cashed at other financial institutions located in the Detroit metropolitan area. The total amount of loss to Detroit area banks amounted to \$1,779,966.10.

The case was investigated by members of the Detroit Metropolitan Identity Fraud (DMIF) Task Force. The DMIF Task Force is comprised of federal, state and local law

enforcement agencies as well as private corporations, who are tasked with the responsibility of combating identity theft-related offenses. "ID Theft is a serious crime and these significant prison terms are equally serious. We are lucky to have a task force like this, which is another example of the excellent working relationships between our local, state, and federal agencies," Murphy said.

The sentences were imposed pursuant to the Sentencing Reform Act of 1984.

The prosecution of this case was conducted by Assistant U.S. Attorney William Sauget.